

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 05, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: November 5, 2015

(Date of earliest event reported)

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

Delaware  
*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)*

1-8606  
*(Commission File Number)*

23-2259884  
*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

1095 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

10036  
*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 395-1000

Not Applicable

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 5, 2015, the Board of Directors of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) elected Karl-Ludwig Kley, Chairman of the Executive Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merck KGaA, as a director, effective immediately. As a director, Dr. Kley will participate in the compensation program applicable to all non-employee directors, which is described under the heading "Non-Employee Director Compensation" in Verizon's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2015. Dr. Kley has not yet been named to a Board committee.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Verizon Communications Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: November 5, 2015

/s/ William L. Horton, Jr.  
William L. Horton, Jr.

Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary